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Indiana Department of Transportation News Release

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Phase 3 of the U.S. 31 corridor improvement project to begin in Franklin

JOHNSON COUNTY, Ind. - Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Milestone Contractors, L.P. is scheduled to begin Phase 3 of the six-phase corridor improvement project on U.S. 31 in Franklin.

On or after Monday, March 2, Phase 3 intersection improvement work will begin on U.S. 31 between Franklin Lakes Boulevard and Westview Drive/North Main Street. Phase 3 is expected to be complete in fall 2026, weather permitting, and includes construction of the following:

- Reduced conflict intersections at U.S. 31 and Hospital Road, Madison Street, West King Street, Banta Street, Mallory Parkway, and Lemley Street
- Reduced conflict intersection median U-turn and restricted crossing U-turn lanes
- New lighting and pedestrian facilities


Drivers can expect the following traffic restrictions throughout initial Phase 3 work.

- (Beginning on or after Monday, March 2) The right lanes of northbound and southbound U.S. 31 will be closed between Franklin Lakes Boulevard and Westview Drive/Main Street through late May, weather permitting.
- (Beginning on or after Monday, March 2) Hospital Road will be closed at U.S. 31 through mid-March, weather permitting.
- (Beginning on or after Thursday, March 5) Madison Street will be closed at U.S. 31 through mid-March, weather permitting.
- The work zone speed limit will be reduced to 30 mph

INDOT will provide additional information and updates as work progresses via [INDOT News](#), [Facebook](#) and [X](#). Information on what is coming to U.S. 31 is [here](#).


This work is part of a \$66.2 million intersection improvement contract awarded to Milestone in February 2025. Overall contract work is anticipated to be complete in 2028. Additional information about the overall project can be found on the [INDOT Southeast webpage](#).

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, use extra caution, and avoid distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.



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- ON OR AFTER MONDAY, MARCH 2, CREWS WILL BEGIN PHASE 3 OF THE SIX-PHASE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON U.S. 31 IN FRANKLIN. PHASE 3 WORK WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN FRANKLIN LAKES BOULEVARD AND WESTVIEW DRIVE. THE RIGHT LANES OF NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND U.S. 31 WILL BE CLOSED DURING INITIAL WORK, AS WELL AS THE MADISON STREET AND HOSPITAL ROAD APPROACHES. PHASE 3 IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETE IN FALL 2026, WEATHER PERMITTING.



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2023. Unrestrained motorists and passengers, as well as distracted driving continue to be contributing factors in fatal and serious injury crashes on Indiana roadways. Buckle Up Phone Down is one of many efforts to change driver behavior and improve roadway safety across Indiana.

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